Contribution Process

1. The OpenELIS project requires no admission process and therefore any individual or organization can use and contribute to the project. The main requirement is the desire and join and contribute towards making OpenELIS a superior product for laboratories. We welcome all contributions that lead to the progress of the OpenELIS project including software development, documentation and testing

2. Where the code resides:
   - The OpenELIS Foundation is be responsible for hosting and maintaining the OpenELIS Code repository.
   - The code is maintained at the University of Iowa Hygienic Laboratory as a private repository to allow centralized maintenance of the code. Access will be provided to authorized contributors.

3. How to Contribute:
   - You can get involved in the OpenELIS project by helping other users, contributing code, creating content for the website. As the project progresses, there will be new opportunities to collaborate with different individuals/groups on producing updated components to serve the needs of the OpenELIS project.
   - All Contributors will need to sign the Contributors License Agreement before they can contribute either code or patches. This Agreement covers the terms and conditions for the use of the code
   - All code contributions are made to the repository maintained by the OpenELIS Foundation. The OpenELIS Foundation is responsible for reviewing and validating the code and conducting quality checks.
   - All code will need to comply with the OpenELIS Compatibility document

4. Contributing patches
   - For those contributors that do not have write access to the source code repository, they can make a code contribution by submitting a patch. The patch will include differences between the files being modified and the new versions being created.

5. Types of Contribution being sought:
   - The Foundation is seeking contributions in the form of documentation and source code. For more details please contact Gary Jones at gary.jones@openelis.org

6. Tools available for making contributions:
   - To prevent uncontrolled customization and incompatible implementation, contributors will follow the OpenELIS compatibility document. While all contributions and legitimate uses are welcome, the Compatibility document

7. Tools available for managing contributions

- See https://static.googleusercontent.com/media/source.android.com/en/us/compatibility/android-cdd.pdf
8. What process are the tools supporting
9. Expectations of project with respect to copyrights management, coding standards and documentation
    - See https://static.googleusercontent.com/media/source.android.com/en/us/compatibility/android-cdd.pdf
10. What happens once a contribution has been made by a third party including details of process followed when contribution is deemed unsuitable for project
    - The goal of the Foundation will be to issue updates as promptly as possible given available project resources
    - Release timing and frequency will be based on the roadmap and readiness criteria determined by the OpenELIS project.